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MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

concerning

EXPORT OF COBALT OXIDE (Item 1720) TO POLAND

The United States authorities have instructed the United States Delegation to seek the views of the other member governments on the export by the United States to Poland of 5 metric tons of black cobalt oxide (Item 1720), valued at \$15,099.90, for use in the Polish ceramics industry, more specifically for the manufacture of kitchen utensils.

The ceramics industry of Poland is operating on current deliveries of cobalt oxide; there is no stockpile. The 5 metric tons that would be provided under this exception would be insufficient to maintain the current production level in the Polish ceramics industry to the end of 1960.

The United States authorities consider that approval of this exception is justified as reasonable and necessary for the Polish civilian economy. The usual assurances against re-export have been obtained. This proposal is submitted under the special Polish exception policy.

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